

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting

Dinter House, Shawnigan School

May 19th, 2015

Minutes

- 7:02pm **Call meeting to order** - Grant
- 7:01pm **Board members and Guest Present –**
Present: Al, Grant, Lois, Calvin, Dewar, Megan. Absent: Garry, Netta. Guest : Barane and guest speaker Shaun Mann. Victoria resigned from the board. She will be missed.
- 7:05pm **Approval of Previous Board Minutes** – April minutes approved.
- 7:10pm **Guest Speakers** – Shaun Mann talk about our “director and officer liability insurance”. Our current insurance appears adequate to meet our needs, although we were alerted to the potential need for “event” insurance if asked to purchase it before attending specific events.
- 7:30pm **Strategic Planning Session Follow up:**
- Draft 3 Year Strategic Plan – Grant
 - The latest draft was accepted and placed up on the website. Grant did review it with Bruce Fraser who thought it was a good plan, and encouraged us to give some priority to foreshore restoration and septic systems around the lake. The plan will be up for review in April 2016.
 - Strategic Planning Summary – Victoria
 - Given Victoria’s resignation, this summary will not get the attention we originally planned, although Grant will review it occasionally to see if it offers the board any reminders for planned future actions/events.
- 8:00pm **Review outstanding actions :**
- Dewar – to forward his Financial Report to Chris so it can go up on the list of AGM attachments. - Done
 - Netta to work with Victoria and Anne Marie to complete a SRA brochure. – defer to June
 - Netta said a person that attended the AGM (George) was willing to use his expertise in grammar, punctuation, and spelling to review any documents we plan to distribute to the public. Netta will forward his name and email to the board. – low priority, so dropped
 - Netta will contact Wendy at Shawnigan School, so she can get the password, and assume the role as administrator. - Done

- Garry recognized that his new portfolio may be interpreted several way so he plans to create and bring to the next meeting some terms of reference. – defer to June

8:15pm

Committee reports -

- Legal Action Committee - Calvin
 1. Giles attended the last board meeting to gather information towards whether sufficient grounds were available to lodge a formal complaint against individual engineers (working for Active Earth) , with the BC governing body for Professional Engineers. Action: Several members were asked to forward documents to George. – Done. Next step, George will be meeting with Sean.
 2. Barane said the peaceful roadside rally in Mill Bay scheduled for May 24th is a go, and apologized for the unintentional conflict with the Triathlon...also scheduled for the 24th. The board approved the expenditure of \$100 for a Facebook “boost” to further promote this event.
 3. Calvin mentioned SRA has petitioned for a Judicial review of the EAB ruling. The document is up on our website.
 4. The rally at the Legislative Buildings was seen as a big success, with near a 1000 in attendance, several noted speakers, entertainment, and a 15,399 signature petition MLA Bill Routley will present to the “house”.
 5. Calvin reminded us we are in a long term battle against the dumping of contaminated soil in our watershed, and we likely have a ways to go yet.
 6. The lawyers were paid another \$30,000.
- SRA Governance Committee - Lois
 1. Nothing beyond the Director and officer liability insurance
- Finance Committee – Dewar
 - Board approved \$2,214.64 to Netta for reimbursement of merchandise and petition volunteer supplies
 - Board approved \$1050 deposit to Chris Clay for website upgrades
 - Board approved \$100 to Songhees elder for opening at the rally
 - Board approved \$50 to BCLSS annual membership renewal
- Community Engagement Committee –
 - With Victoria’s resignation, Al will take over the communication role on an interim bases, until a replacement can be found. Action Al: will check with Victoria to see what action has been taken towards advertising in the Focus for a Volunteer Coordinator (to match needed activities with the dozens of individuals who have expressed a willingness to help); a support position for Marketing; and potentially administrative support for a variety of tasks.
- Membership Committee –
 - Dewar’s daughter Katie will review and consolidate membership data bases, including Excel spreadsheets and Constant Contact data, into a single data base on Microsoft Access format. Exact duplicates will be eliminated. She will then phone to confirm their

status, and begin to establish an active/accurate data base of members that we can work towards establishing automatic renewals and/or membership payments...in time for next year's January renewal date. Dewar estimated most of this would take 75 hours. The board approved an honorarium of \$1500 for Katie (representing \$20/hr)

- Water Committee – Grant mentioned that the Basin Society is hiring a student and is looking for our support with some supervision and direction. Grant volunteered. Grant will keep the board apprised.
- Municipal Status Committee – Al was able to hand over the coordination of this committee to Sierra Acton. Sierra will keep Al informed, and Al the board.
- Government Liaison Committee – Barane mentioned there were no rezoning applications, although some potential “irons in the fire”. The CVRD staff are still trying to reduce/consolidate the number of “commissions”, and have them all appointed. Several Area Directors oppose this direction.
- Student Committee – Megan mentioned the students have a growing awareness of the contaminated soil issue...sparked by the recent rally.

9:00pm

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 16th , 2015